Follow the Flight Path

The trail you see ahead curving gently to the right retraces the way Wilbur and Orville Wright flew here in 1904–1905. Look for seven tall flag poles that mark the corners of the pasture. The brothers tried their best to fly only inside this field, because they respected property boundaries. It was hard enough to drag their 700-pound flying machine back to the launch rails without having to negotiate fences. Remember, their flyers had no wheels.



On the first of three trials we found that we had started a circle on too large a radius to keep within the boundaries of the small field in which we were operating. Accordingly, a landing was made each time, without accident, merely to avoid passing beyond the boundaries of the field.

Wilbur Wright

Walking the Flight Path...

takes 30 minutes to get back to the main parking area near Simms Station.

The path is regularly mowed, but not hard-surfaced. Wheelchair users should budget more time.

